

Senate Study Bill 1115 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SENG)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the possession of cats classified as
2 bengals.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 717F.1, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. "*Dangerous wild animal*" includes an animal which is the
4 offspring of an animal provided in paragraph "a", and another
5 animal provided in that paragraph or any other animal. It also
6 includes animals which are the offspring of each subsequent
7 generation. However, a dangerous wild animal does not include
8 any of the following:

9 (1) The offspring of a domestic dog and a wolf, or the
10 offspring from each subsequent generation in which at least one
11 parent is a domestic dog.

12 (2) The offspring of a domestic cat and another member of
13 the family felidae classified as a bengal with an ancestor
14 classified as an Asian leopard cat which is a member of the
15 species prionailurus bengalensis. The bengal must be the
16 fourth or later filial generation of offspring with the first
17 filial generation being the offspring of a domestic cat and an
18 Asian leopard cat, and each subsequent generation being the
19 offspring of a domestic cat.

20 EXPLANATION

21 GENERAL. This bill amends Code chapter 717F, which
22 regulates the possession of dangerous wild animals under
23 the authority of the department of agriculture and land
24 stewardship. Generally, the Code chapter prohibits a
25 person from owning or possessing a dangerous wild animal
26 or transporting a dangerous wild animal into this state
27 unless the person is licensed by the United States department
28 of agriculture and registered by the Iowa department of
29 agriculture and land stewardship. A dangerous animal includes
30 cats (classified as belonging to the family felidae) other than
31 domestic cats. It also includes the offspring of a dangerous
32 wild animal and any subsequent generation of offspring.

33 EXEMPTING CATS CLASSIFIED AS F-4 BENGALS. The bill provides
34 an exemption for a cat classified as a bengal which is a cross
35 between a domestic cat and an Asian leopard cat. Specifically,

S.F. _____

1 the bill requires a separation of four filial generations
2 between the Asian leopard cat and the bengal. The generations
3 are calculated by counting from the first filial generation
4 which is the offspring of the original crossing. The filial
5 generations are sometimes referred to as F-1 through F-4 to
6 identify the first four filial generations of offspring. The
7 bill's exemption applies to those cats classified as F-4
8 bengals.